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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NHTSA
ODI/Recall Management Division – NVS-215
Room W46-425
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: NABI Safety Recall #2008-03

Dear Sir:

Attached is the vehicle defect initial information report, which is submitted pursuant to Parts 573.5, 151 (1), and 153 (1-6) of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall.

Very truly yours,

North American Bus Industries (NABI)

Jim Johnson
Director, Field Service
NABI/Optima/Blue-Bird Transit

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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION
RECALL MGMT DIV.

VEHICLE DEFECT
INITIAL INFORMATION REPORT

MANUFACTURED DATES						
MAKE	MODEL	MODEL YEAR	NUMBER OF VEHICLES	FROM	THROUGH	OTHER IDENTIFICATION NECESSARY DESCRIBE VEHICLE
Blue-Bird	L4RE/C4RE	2007/2008	15	Aug-07	Jul-08	Certain transit buses equipped with a Caterpillar ("CAT") C7 or C9 engines

Total number of vehicles: 15 Percent Potentially Containing Defect: 1% (per CAT estimates).

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DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

A fuel pump outlet check plug could crack, possibly allowing fuel to leak and spray out of the crack.

This event may be concurrent with an engine de-rate, check engine light and/or stop engine light.

RISK TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY:

If a crack occurs, fuel spray onto heated engine compartment components would increase the likelihood of an engine compartment fire.

1) CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF DEFECT:

1. NABI was initially advised of this potential defect on or about July 02, 2008 via email from CAT.

2. Information known by NABI at that time included 4 engines which were and still are in unsold vehicles.

3. On or about August 13, 2008 NABI was advised by CAT the recall population was being increased. (RE: NHTSA #08E-042)

4. On or about August 14, 2008, a bus-body supplier advised that 15ea bodies were equipped with affected engines.

5. On August 15, 2008, NABI decided to issue this recall.

2) MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO REPAIR VEHICLE:

NABI will advise vehicle owners to take affected vehicles to their local Authorized CAT dealer for repairs.

3) REMEDY EXPENSE:

There will be no cost to owners/end-users.

4) EARLIEST DATE TO BE REMEDIED:

CAT advises the improvement/campaign will be released in late August, 2008.

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5) PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT DATE:

There will be no public announcement.

6) OWNER LETTER/QUARTERLY REPORTS:

NABI will submit the required owner letter after assignment of NHTSA Recall No.

NABI will issue quarterly reports as required.
